Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient at present.

Subject No. 451.
Separate Engineer Establishment for L. F. Works.

Summary of discussion.—There should be a separate Engineer appointed for Local Fund works. At present the Engineers of the P. W. D. of Government have not the time required to supervise all Local Fund works, and the proportionate charge for their supervision debited to the Local Funds, is out of proportion to the service rendered by them to Local Fund Boards. Local Fund works, moreover, are mostly maintenance works, and there is very little of original work to be done.

Dewan's reply.—The appointment of separate Engineers for Local Fund works is premature and would be too costly. Their supervision will also be difficult.

Subject No. 452.
District Muzrai Committees.

Summary of discussion.—A committee should be appointed in connection with the Muzrai Institutions similar to the Local Fund Board Committee. The effect of the proposal is that instead of the Dharmadarsis now appointed and instead of the Muzrai Superintendent taking action on individual representations or recommendations, he would have a District Committee to help him. For example, the surplus funds of one temple are now spent for the benefit of another temple. A Committee for the entire District will prevent or regulate this. [The Deputy Commissioner remarked that the District Local Fund Board Committees may be entrusted with this duty also, the Muzrai Officer of the District being made an Ex-officio Member of the Board.]

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient at present. The surplus funds of one temple are seldom or never devoted to another temple. It is to meet the wants of temples that have no funds of their own that we have made a limited allotment from State Funds to the Muzrai Budget.

Subject No. 453.
Batta to officers on high pay.

Summary of discussion.—Payment of batta should not be allowed to Deputy Commissioners and other Government Officers of similar status drawing monthly salaries of Rs. 1,000 and more. Mileage is reasonable for travelling long distances expeditiously, as expense is thereby incurred. But batta for halts seems unnecessary, as no expenditure is then incurred which will not have been incurred if the officer had remained at head-quarters.

Dewan's reply.—Any alteration of the existing rule is undesirable.

Subject No. 454.
Language of Proceedings of Courts.

Summary of discussion.—The depositions, pleadings, and all other papers in the Courts of Munsiffs, Sub-Judges, and all Magistrates up to Assistant Commissioners, should be in Kanarese.

Dewan's reply.—Kanarese is the language of the Court.